GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:19
ANSWERED ON:16.11.2016
Special Trains
Vanaroja Smt. R.

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has introduced more than 2900 special trains to meet festival rush in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether more than 10 lakh passengers struggle to get confirmed berths on daily basis and so, the details and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Railways is working on a plan to improve occupancy levels by adding new coaches and computer enabled efficient use of available berths; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the likely time line by which the said plan will become operational?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI SURESH PRABHAKAR PRABHU)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 19 BY SHRIMATI VANAROJA R. TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 16.11.2016 REGARDING SPECIAL TRAINS

(a) Yes, Madam. To meet the current year's festival rush coinciding with Durga Puja, Diwali, Chhath, etc., Indian Railways ran more than 3000 special train trips from different parts of the country.
(b) No, Madam.
(c) & (d) The reservation quota earmarked in the trains is reviewed on periodical basis and adjustments made wherever required.
To cater to the additional demand of passengers, Indian Railways augments trains by adding more coaches on permanent as well as on temporary basis to existing trains. In the year 2015-16, more than 1,04,000 extra coach trips were augmented on temporary basis while 1022 coaches were deployed on permanent basis. Further in 2016-17 (April to October) 60895 additional coach trips were made available on temporary basis while 483 were deployed on permanent basis to the existing trains. Additionally as announced in the Railway Budget, 42 Deen Dayalu Coaches (Unreserved) have also been put into service replacing train service coaches.
During 2016-17, about 500 coaches and 700 Deen Dayalu Coaches are to be augmented to cater to the increased demand which is an ongoing process subject to operational feasibility, commercial viability, availability of resources etc.
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